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In re the Application of:

Yoshio KITAMURA

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For: RAID APPARATUS AND ACCESS CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on January 10, 2002. Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed by January 10, 2002. However, if any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE the claims in accordance with the following:

1. (as SIX TIMES AMENDED) A RAID apparatus comprising:
- a plurality of physical disk units storing a plurality of copies of each of logical volumes;
 - and
 - a disk controller accessing any of the physical disk units which stores a designated logical volume to thereby access said designated logical volume,
- said disk controller including:
- a memory storing the number of operations requested to each physical disk unit,